

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BENTON COUNTY, ARKANSAS

AFFIDAVIT OF PROBABLE CAUSE TO OBTAIN BOND

STATE OF ARKANSAS

VS

DAVID BRIDGEMAN
White / Male DOB: 05/30/852011 DEC 2 PM 2:10
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BENTON COUNTY, AR.
PLAINTIFF
DEFENDANTFACTS CONSTITUTING PROBABLE CAUSE

Comes now Detective Larry Taylor of the Rogers Police Department, Criminal Investigation Division, and under oath doth state:

After an extensive investigation, the Defendant, David Bridgeman, was arrested on 12/02/11 for the offenses of **Permitting the Abuse of a Minor, Class D Felony, 5-27-221 / Endangering the Welfare of a Minor 1st Degree, Class D Felony, 5-27-205 / False Imprisonment 1st Degree, Class C Felony, 5-11-103**. The facts of this investigation are set out in an Affidavit of Probable Cause to Obtain an Arrest Warrant filed on 12/02/11. This affidavit is attached hereto and included herein as if set out word for word in this affidavit.

Further, a check of David's criminal history showed the following:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Charge</u>	<u>Agency</u>	<u>Disposition</u>
08/18/06	Poss. Cont. substance (F)	Rogers	Guilty
12/03/06	DWI	Benton Co. SO	Unknown
12/20/07	Criminal Contempt	Benton Co. SO	Guilty
09/02/09	Failure to Appear	Rogers	Unknown
01/28/10	Criminal Contempt	Benton Co. SO	Unknown

Based on the foregoing, the State joins me in requesting that a bond in the amount of \$50,000 bond be placed on the Defendant, **David Bridgeman, White / Male, DOB: 05/30/85** for the offenses of **Permitting the Abuse of a Minor, Class D Felony, 5-27-221 / Endangering**

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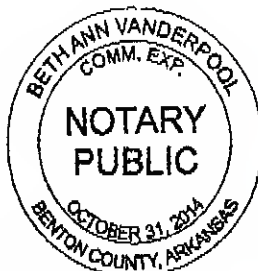
I swear that the allegations contained herein are the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth.

Witness my hand this 2nd day of December, 2011.

[REDACTED]
Detective Larry Taylor
Rogers Police Department
1905 South Dixieland Road
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(479) 621-1129

STATE OF ARKANSAS
COUNTY OF BENTON

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 2nd day of December, 2011.



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NOTARY PUBLIC

MY COMMISSION EXPIRES: 10-31-2014

APPROVED:

Stephanie McLemore

DEPUTY PROSECUTING ATTORNEY

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Further, a check of Jana's criminal history showed the following:

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03/12/09	Criminal Contempt	Benton Co. SO	Unknown

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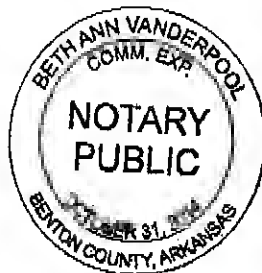
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Comes now Detective Larry Taylor of the Rogers Police Department, and under oath doth state:

The records of the Rogers Police Department reflect that on Wednesday, November 30th, 2011, the Rogers Police Department made contact with Christina Trenthen regarding possible child abuse. Christina advised the officers that she was staying at 515 N. 10th Street with David and Janna Bridgeman, and their three children. She said that on Tuesday morning, 11/29/11, she woke up and heard both David and Janet leave the residence. She said that a short while later, she heard a child crying in David and Janna's bedroom and went into the room to see who was inside. When she went into the bedroom, she found the 5 year old child, referred to as JB, chained to a dresser with a silver colored chain and what appeared to be a dog collar. Christina stated that the dog collar was wrapped around JB's Ankle and attached to the dresser. She said that the chain was only long enough for the child to sit or stand, but not to move around very much. Christina stated that she unfastened the child at that time and noticed that there was no one else in the house. She said that the parents had taken the other children to school and returned home approximately 30 minutes later.

At approximately 1834 hours, Detectives executed a search warrant at the address of 515 N. 10th Street. Upon searching the residence, officers located a silver colored chain with a Masterlock and key, in a red colored bag. When officers searched the trash can, they located a brown colored belt that had been cut short and made into what appeared to be a collar with a loop attached to it. Officers also located a blue colored glass bong, a multi-colored pipe with

what appeared to be marijuana residue, and a clear glass pipe with a white powdery residue, believed to be methamphetamine residue. It was noted that during the search of the residence, the living conditions were poor. There were numerous dirty clothing items in the floor. The master bedroom, where JB slept, had a strong smell of urine. When searching the room, I observed a wet substance in the corner of the room that appeared and smelled like urine. The bed was extremely discolored and did not appear to be sanitary. I also observed several roaches running around in the bedrooms and the bathroom.

While searching the residence, David Bridgeman and Jana Bridgeman arrived at the address. I informed David and Jana of the allegations and asked them if I could speak to them about the incident. Both David and Jana agreed to speak with me, stating that they could not leave the residence because they were expecting one of their daughters to come home shortly. I told them that we could sit in my vehicle if they would like to and they agreed.

At approximately 2003 hours, I conducted an interview with David in the front seat of my vehicle. I informed David that he was not under arrest and that he was not obligated to speak with me and that he was free to leave at any time. David stated that he did not mind and agreed to speak with me at that time.

During the interview, I informed David that I was conducting an investigation regarding allegations that he had chained his daughter to a dresser. David admitted to chaining his daughter to the dresser three nights in a row. He said that one morning, just before Thanksgiving, his wife, Jana Bridgeman, woke up around 0600 hours and could not find JB. He said that she went outside and found JB in the yard with no shirt or shoes on, stating that it was cold outside and it scared them. He said that JB also gets into medication and other items in the house so they decided to try to chain her to the dresser at night so that she could not wander off. He said that he thinks she may be sleepwalking and that they discussed buying a child gate, but since he does not have a job, they could not afford to buy one at that time. He said that he took a belt and cut it down so that it would fit around JB's ankle. He said that the first night they put it on JB, she pulled it off so they put a lock on the chain so that JB could not get it off. He said that JB slept on a pallet next to the dresser with the collar around her ankle for approximately two nights. He said that there was a bottom drawer missing from the dresser and that they would loop the chain around the dresser base and lock both ends of the chain to the collar around her leg. He said that they would take it off of JB the next morning when they got up. He said that JB complained that

the collar hurt her leg so he got a belt and wrapped around her waist. He then chained her to the dresser so that she could not wander off. David explained to me where he kept the chain in the residence. It should be noted that the chain that David used was approximately one to two feet in length and appeared to be a dog choke collar. David said that he knows what they did was not right, but stated that they could not afford child gates for the house and that there was no other way to keep JB inside. He said that he had been issued a citation before when he lived at 415 E. Oak Street because his child walked out of the house and the police found her wandering down the street. I later asked David to tell me about leaving the residence in the morning and leaving JB chained to the dresser. David first denied leaving JB home when he left. He later changed his story and stated that he did leave her one time, stating that JB was chained to the dresser and was asleep. He said that he took his wife to work that morning at Sonic, located several blocks from his house. David said that he was only gone for approximately 5 minutes and that he knew that his roommate was home if something happened.

At approximately 2042 hours, I spoke with Jana Bridgeman in my vehicle. I informed Jana that I was conducting an investigation regarding the allegations of child abuse and informed her that she was not obligated to talk to me and that she could end the interview at any time. Jana stated that she did not mind speaking with me.

When I asked Jana about chaining JB to the dresser, she stated that last night, 11/29/11, was the last time that they had chained her to the dresser, stating that JB sleep walks and that they did not know how to keep her from getting up and getting into chemicals in the house and pills. She said that they had chained JB to the dresser three nights in a row using a strap that David made from a belt. She said that they left the strap loose and used a chain to secure her the bottom of the dresser, where the drawer was missing. Jana later stated that they had used the strap two nights in a row and then David used a belt fastened around her waist and chained to the dresser on the third night.


At approximately 1007 hours, JB was interviewed at the Child Advocacy Center in Little Flock. During the interview, JB disclosed that she sleeps in the floor in David and Jana's room, next to a dresser. She said that she does not have a bed yet so they lay a blanket on the floor and she sleeps on it. She said that Jana and David chain her to the dresser because she had gotten up and eaten some pies, cereal, and bread. JB stated that they put a belt around her waist so that she could not get up and get any food. During the interview, JB complained that her legs hurt. While

at the Child Advocacy Center, we checked JB for injuries. Upon checking her ankles, we noted that there was bruising, which was consistent with a strap being placed around her ankle. DHS was later notified and took possession of the children.

Based on the foregoing, the State joins me in requesting that a warrant be issued for **Jana Bridgeman, White / Female DOB: 06/03/82** for the offense of **Permitting the Abuse of a Minor, Class D Felony, 5-27-221 / Endangering the Welfare of a Minor 1st Degree, Class D Felony, 5-27-205 / False Imprisonment 1st Degree, Class C Felony, 5-11-103**

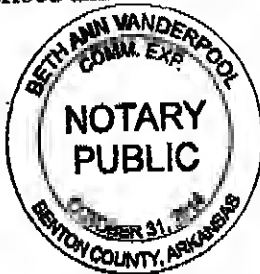
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MY COMMISSION EXPIRES: 12-31-2014

APPROVED:

Stephanie McLemore via e-mail

DEPUTY PROSECUTING ATTORNEY

ORDER

I hereby find that this sworn affidavit demonstrates reasonable and probable cause for the issuance of a warrant of arrest for the above-named individual for the offense of **Permitting the Abuse of a Minor, Class D Felony, 5-27-221 / Endangering the Welfare of a Minor 1st Degree, Class D Felony, 5-27-205 / False Imprisonment 1st Degree, Class C Felony, 5-11-103**, and I so direct the Benton County Circuit Clerk to issue a warrant for the arrest of **Jana Bridgeman, White / Female DOB: 06/03/82**



District Judge, Brad Karren

Date: 12-2-11

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ORDER OF PROBABLE CAUSE AND ORDER TO APPEAR

Now on this 2nd day of December, 2011, came for consideration in the matter of Probable Cause for the continued detention of Jana Bridgeman; witnesses having been sworn and evidence having been taken, the Court finds that there is sufficient probable cause for detaining Jana Bridgeman for the offenses of:

Permitting the Abuse of a Minor	CLASS D FELONY	5-27-221
Endangering the Welfare of a Minor 1 st Degree	Class D Felony	5-27-205
False Imprisonment 1 st Degree	Class C Felony	5-11-103

~~WHEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Defendant be released on his personal recognizance and Defendant is hereby ordered to appear on the 9th day of January, 2012, at 8:00 a.m. in the Benton County Circuit Court, Division II, for further proceedings.~~

OR

WHEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Defendant be detained upon probable cause for the offense set forth hereinabove in the custody of the Sheriff of Benton County, Arkansas, pending further proceedings.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that bail be set in the amount of \$ 50,000 to ensure the Defendant's future appearances, and should such be posted on behalf of Defendant, the Defendant is hereby ordered to appear on the 9th day of January, 2012, at 8:00

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THE NATURE OF THE BAIL IS ORDERED TO BE:

_____ Cash or corporate surety bond

_____ 10% deposit

_____ Defendant's unsecured signature bond

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that:

_____, Attorney at Law, be appointed to represent the Defendant.

_____ No attorney be appointed at this time.

_____ Defendant to have no contact, directly or indirectly, with the victim.

JUDGE

Brad Kane